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Media Statement Dr Charles Teo

The NSW Medical Council has imposed conditions on the medical registration of Dr Charles Teo effective from 24 August 2021.

These detailed conditions will be published on the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory Agency \(Ahpra\) register of practitioners](#). The conditions include a requirement that Dr Teo, when proposing and before performing a recurrent malignant intracranial tumour or a brain stem tumour surgery, obtains a written statement from a Council-approved neurosurgeon. The neurosurgeon is required to state in writing that they are satisfied that prior to the procedure, Dr Teo has:

- explained to the patient all material risks associated with the procedure(s) and obtained informed consent
- obtained informed financial consent from the patient
- complied with the use of systems and plans implemented into his practice for managing any interstate patients

Other conditions include a requirement that Dr Teo participate in a medical records audit and supervision meetings with a Council-approved supervisor.

The details involving a decision by a Council immediate action panel are confidential and cannot by law be made public.

All conditions on Dr Teo's registration will remain in place pending the outcome of the investigation by the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC) or until the conditions are removed by the Council, whichever is earlier.

The Council will not be making any further public comments at this time.

Background

The Medical Council works in collaboration with the co-regulator, the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC) to receive and manage complaints about doctors and medical students in NSW. The Council's paramount obligation is to protect the public by ensuring doctors practise safely and in accordance with professional standards expected of them by the community.

The Council deals with individual doctors whose conduct, performance or health may represent a risk to the public and works with them, where possible, to reduce that risk by for example, placing conditions on their medical registration.

Immediate action panels are not disciplinary in nature but protective of the public. A medical practitioner has the right to appeal an immediate action decision to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT).

Please attribute to a spokesperson for the Medical Council of NSW.